

Our Town

Important January Dates

- Jan 1: New Year's Day—Offices Closed
 Jan 2: Library Board Mtg., 5:30pm
 Jan 9: HRA Board Mtg., 6:30pm
 Jan 9: City Council Mtg., 6:30pm
 Jan 10: Municipal Court @ 2pm
 Jan 15: MLK Jr Holiday—Offices Closed
 Jan 23: City Council Mtg., 6:30pm



City Administrator's Message

Happy New Year!

A brand new 2024 is here, with all it's potential and freshness. Even if you don't make any grand resolutions, it's still a great time to make those small changes that will make our lives better. The City will be preparing to start the new year off right by reviewing our Strategic Plan, with the adoption of the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan in the upcoming months. The Strategic Plan is important to the City so that we set goals, and our budget is based on the priorities that City Council decides on. Current priorities through the end of this fiscal year are as follows:

- ◆ Creating & advocating for Housing Opportunities while preserving & improving Existing Affordable Housing
- ◆ Develop, Maintain and Improve Total City Park Land Inventory
- ◆ Make regular & substantive improvements to City streets
- ◆ Bring community awareness to crime issues in our city and work to find solutions to reduce and prevent crime
- ◆ Design, Build & Operate a Conventional Water Treatment Plant
- ◆ Enhance outreach to existing businesses, work on regional partnerships to promote Harrisburg businesses & Economic Development
- ◆ Update the Capital Improvement Program, and verify that SDC's and other fees are still competitive.

In January, the City Council will be hearing a report from staff about preparing to go out for our 3rd bid on the Water Bond Project. Solutions in relation to funding the huge increases on commodity prices affecting the construction of the water storage tanks and water filtration units will be discussed. Keep your fingers crossed that we will be able to afford moving forward with this project that is so important to all Harrisburg citizens!

Harrisburg Job Opening: The City is looking for an Administrative Assistant employee. This is a full-time non-exempt position, with a wage scale of \$22.74 to \$29.92 hourly, with an excellent benefits package. Come and work with the City of Harrisburg, where we are truly committed to serving our community! This employee is responsible for working in Utility Billing/Cash Receipting, Building Permits/planning, Back Flow Assembly, and Code Enforcement. For more information, including finding the application and instructions for applying, please go to the City's website at <https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/hr/page/administrative-assistant-job-opening>. The deadline is Monday, January 15, 2024 at 5:00pm.

2 Budget Committee Members needed! The City has two vacancies, for citizens to serve on the Budget Committee. Only one or two meetings a year on Mondays in the months of April and May are generally needed. For info, go to <https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/budgetcommittee>. No accounting experience is needed; just folks with common sense, who care about the citizens of Harrisburg, and taking a proactive stance on funding services that the community needs and wants.

May 2024 be a good year for you and your family! *"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude"* Maya Angelou

NO DUMPING



**DRAINS
TO RIVER**

It benefits us all to keep waterways healthy.

Please do not dump chemicals, solvents, or oils down drains. Do not allow garbage to get into gutters, storm-water culverts, or the river. Please notify local law enforcement if you see someone dumping!

Harrisburg Public Library News

Drop by your Library to see what's New!

Game Night: Thu Dec 7 (FOR TEENS) 6:30pm—7:30pm in the Municipal Center. We have plenty of games for every age.

Crafting Club: Every Thursday @ 5pm at the Harrisburg Municipal Center. Open to everyone for any craft!

Lego Club: Every Friday from 3pm—4pm — held in the Library. All ages welcome!

Baby Story Time: Every Wed at 11am. Designed for ages 0-3yrs.

Story Time for Children: Every Friday from 10am to 11am in the Harrisburg Municipal Center.

Karaoke Club: Every Saturday at 1pm. Come sing with us!

Digital Library Consortium: A Harrisburg Library Card gets you entrance to the Library2go system. You can download your favorite e-books, and audio books through the Libby App!

Call 541-995-6949 for more information.

~ Reminder of the Month ~

LCSD would like to remind you to lock your vehicle doors! Many vehicle thefts are because doors were left unlocked. Also, don't leave 'tempting' items visible in the open in your vehicle. Even a coat left crumpled on a seat can appear to be hiding a purse or wallet. Travel Safely wherever you go!

Meals for Wheels needs your help!

The Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments provides the Meals on Wheels program in our area. The program provides Harrisburg and Brownsville clients with nutritious meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. But they need volunteers! In as little as 2-3 hours a week, you can make a positive impact to those in your community. Email: volunteers@ocwcog.org, or call 541-812-6015 to help, or visit www.ocwcog.org/connect.

Residential Utility Rates (Fiscal Year 2023-24)

The utility bill is a combination of water, sewer and storm drain charges. Please contact City Hall for more information. Rates below are for July 2023-June 2024.

Water Base Rate: \$22.16	Sewer: Minimum Charge: \$22.03
Per Unit: \$1.81 (per EUU*)	Sewer User Fee: \$7.99 (per EUU*)
Storm Drain: \$3.74	*An EUU is equal to 748 gals of metered water

Xpress Bill Pay—Utility Billing

Xpress Bill Pay is our online payment provider. You can pay your utility bill by e-check, Visa, Mastercard, Discover or Debit at no extra cost to you. Visit www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/utilitybilling for additional information.

To better serve you, please return any contact changes to City Hall

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Account Number: _____